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## JULY MUSTER CALL

date: Thursday  
13 July 1989

time: 6:30 p.m.  
Mess Call

place: Wyatt's Cafeteria  
Hancock Center

The program this month will be brought by Comp. Ross Shipman. His program will actually be very timely in that we will be meeting on the birthday of Nathan Bedford Forrest. Ross will speak on "Highlights of Bedford Forrest." Included in his overview of this famous cavalryman will be a discussion of Ft. Pillow, Brice's Crossroads, and the development of the cavalry as a fighting force under his command. Would you like to learn about the Confed. Cav. capturing the Union Navy? Ross will tell us. He has long been a student of Forrest and lived for years in the area of his operations. He has followed on the ground NBF's cavalry operations, visiting site after site.

Cdr. Hellums will no doubt deliver his Commander's Report. The Div. Histories will be distributed. Bro- can you spare the time?



## ENLISTMENTS

The Recruiting Sergeant has reported adding another good and true Confederate to the Roster. Accepted into membership into the SCV at the June meeting was JOSEPH L. WOOD, JR. who joins the SCV upon the record of his Great Grandfather Thomas Proctor Hughes, a private in Morgan's Btn. in the Army of the Trans-Miss. J.L. gives his occupation as Investor and resides at 6903 Stahl Cove, Austin 78731, #345-0169. He showed his interest in the organization from the very first by serving as a delegate to the Texas Division Convention. Thanks, and way to go!





## SAD NEWS FOR TEXAS CONFEDERATES

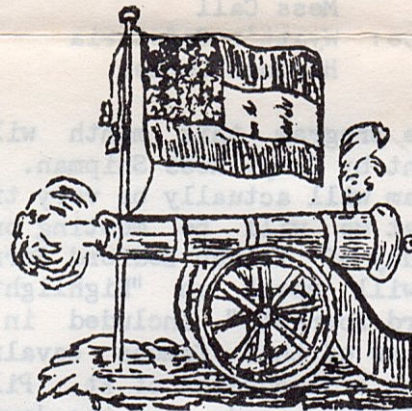
COL. HAROLD BROWN SIMPSON  
1917-1989

Col Harold B. Simpson, director of the Confederate Research Center Hillsboro and friend of the SCV, passed away on May 31, 1989, after a lengthy illness. He was an internationally recognized author of Confederate and Texas military history having written, edited, and contributed to over 26 books and numerous articles including Hood's Texas Brigade: Lee's Grenadier Guard (1970). He was the publisher of the Hill College Press. The Colonel was foremost in the organization of the Hood's Texas Brigade Assoc. and the SCV camp by that name in Hillsboro. In 1979, he began the Confed. History Symposium, the leading such meeting in the U.S. A memorial service was held June 2 at the First United Methodist Church, and his remains were interred June 3 at the Confederate Memorial Plaza at Hill College. Memorials in his name should be sent to the Confederate Research Center at Hill College.

He is gone, but not forgotten. His legacy will live on at Hill College, among those who revere Texas and the Confederacy, and among the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Pres. Auvenshine of the college is committed to continue his work of preserving Confederate and Texas history for future generations.

## THE HOWITZER

The howitzer is an artillery piece developed in the Netherlands the first part of the 1700's. They were often made of bronze. The WBTS types were manufactured in standard projectile weights: 12, 24, and 32-pounders. They were generally smoothbores. They featured short tubes with chambered interiors that would allow a light charge to lob a shell on a high trajectory. This made them adaptable to lots of field uses. They were used as anti-personnel weapons firing canister or case shot. They vied with the mortar in being able to lob shells over walls and forts. The Model 1841 was a 12-pounder mountain howitzer capable of being broken down and transported on muleback. There was the standard one also. Some larger ones lobbed even larger shells. Confederate gunmakers turned out some iron models and even an experimental 8-in. rifled piece.

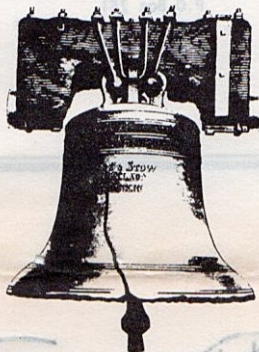


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## NEW DIRECTOR NAMED

Col. Simpson's work will continue. His closest friend, Dr. B.D. (Buddy) Patterson has been named as the new Director of the Confederate Research Center. He is very familiar with the work of the CRC. Buddy has been the Archivist of the Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans and active in the SCV. Undoubtedly we are very saddened at the loss of the Colonel; however, there is a star in the darkest night. A better person could not have been chosen as the new director. We offer our heartiest congratulations to Buddy and offer him our support.



## SPECIAL NOTICE

### SUSPENSIONS

On July 1st the following Compatriots were suspended for non-payment of 1989 dues as directed by the Constitution and By-Laws. By subsequently paying their dues before December 31st, they can be automatically reinstated. If you have any influence upon any of these men, call them and urge them to reconsider losing their membership in our organization. We need all the help we can get. Attacks on our heritage grow more blatant and political, and numbers help. Lest we forget!

Bill Barr (dual member), Sammy Connell, Tom Miller, Dick Paxton, Wes Schiwitz, W. W. Stubbs, Carl Tumey, Levi Ward, Wes Williams, Sam Winters.

## DIVISION CONVENTION SUCCESSFUL

The San Anontio Camp, John Dibrell Cdr., Carl Lehmborg, chmn. were gracious hosts indeed June 10th for the Annual Texas Division SCV Convention at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio. Five members of Camp #59 served as delegates: Cdr. Hellums, Dave Morris, J.L. Wood, Rob Jones, and Greg Hector. We were short one delegate. Cdr. Hellums gave the camp report, and your editor gave the brigade report. The updated Division History has been completed and is now available. Copies for #59 members were brought back and will be distributed at the July meeting. The convention authorized the Div. Cdr. to support a 125th Reenactment of the Battle of Palmito Ranch in May 1990. The Div. has sustained over a 10% growth since last year. We now have 1156 members.

A bid to come to Midland in 1990 was accepted. A complete revamping of the Division Award Program was undertaken. \$500 was voted to be sent to the Franklin Mem. Assoc. for the bust of Gen. Granbury. A new Constitution was accepted for the Division. We heard a report concerning a proposed site for the permanent HQ. Greg Hector gave a report on the status of the Museum for the UDC. Officers for the ensuing year were chosen. See the list printed in this newsletter.

Honor Awards were presented to Cdr. Hellums, David Morris, Rob Jones and Greg Hector as well as others in the Division. The Rebel Rouser (Dallas) won the Newsletter Award. Cdr. Pete Orlebeke was named Confed. of the Year. The Deo Vindice Award was presented to Col. Simpson.

Next year -- Midland. Make plans now to attend next June.







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